

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-7, 10-23, and 27-36 have been previously cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 8, 9, 24-26, and 37-51 are pending in this application. Please amend claims 8, 24, 37 and 49.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently amended) A patient support apparatus comprising:
a base,
a frame coupled to the base, the frame including a storage portion,
a deck coupled to the frame, the deck including a head section, a seat section and first and second laterally spaced apart outer leg support sections adjacent the seat section, the seat section and the first and second outer leg support sections being configured to define a central opening therebetween,

a removable center leg support configured for movement between a first position located within the central opening and coupled to the deck to provide a portion of the deck and a second storage position detached from the deck and located in the storage portion of the frame and below the deck,

wherein the frame is formed to include a first receptacle and the deck is formed to include a second receptacle, and

a removable calf support ~~having~~ including a mounting portion, ~~the mounting portion~~ configured to be ~~located~~ received in the first receptacle to ~~store~~ retain the removable calf support beneath the deck with at least a portion of the calf support extending from the first receptacle, the mounting portion being configured to be ~~located~~ received in the second receptacle ~~to support~~ such that the removable calf support is oriented to support a patient's leg above the deck.

9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the frame has a longitudinal axis, and wherein the mounting portion of the calf support is configured to extend in a direction generally parallel to the longitudinal axis of the frame when the removable calf support is located in the first receptacle, the mounting portion of the

removable calf support being configured to extend in a direction generally perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the frame when the removable calf support is in the second receptacle.

10-23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently amended) A patient support apparatus comprising:
a base,
a frame coupled to the base, the frame being formed to include a first receptacle,
a deck configured to support the patient, the deck being formed to include a second receptacle, and

a removable calf support ~~having~~ including a mounting portion, ~~the mounting portion~~ configured to be ~~located~~ received in the first receptacle to ~~store~~ retain the removable calf support beneath the deck with at least a portion of the calf support extending from the first receptacle, the mounting portion being configured to be ~~located~~ received in the second receptacle ~~to support~~ such that the removable calf support is oriented to support a patient's leg above the deck.

25. (Original) The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the frame has a longitudinal axis, and wherein the mounting portion of the calf support is configured to extend in a direction generally parallel to the longitudinal axis of the frame when the removable calf support is located in the first receptacle, the mounting portion of the removable calf support being configured to extend in a direction generally perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the frame when the removable calf support is in the second receptacle.

26. (Original) The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the calf support includes a calf support surface coupled to the mounting portion by an adjustable linkage.

27-36. (Cancelled)

37. (Currently amended) A patient support apparatus comprising:
a frame having a first receptacle,
a deck having a second receptacle, and
a removable calf support ~~having~~ including a mounting shaft, ~~the mounting shaft~~ configured to be ~~located~~ received in the first receptacle to ~~store~~ retain the removable calf support beneath the deck with at least a portion of the calf support extending from the first receptacle, the mounting shaft being configured to be ~~located~~ received in the second

receptacle ~~to support~~ such that the removable calf support is oriented to support a patient's leg above the deck.

38. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the calf support includes a calf support tray and an adjustable linkage coupled to the calf support tray and coupled to the mounting shaft.

39. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the calf support tray has a concave calf support surface.

40. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the calf support tray has a rounded perimeter.

41. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the adjustable linkage includes a lockable joint.

42. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 41, wherein the lockable joint is a ball joint.

43. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 41, wherein the lockable joint includes a ball coupled to the calf support tray and a socket coupled to the mounting shaft.

44. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 43, wherein the adjustable linkage includes an offset arm extending outwardly from the mounting shaft and coupled to the socket, and the mounting shaft, when received in the second receptacle, is rotatable about a central axis of the second receptacle.

45. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the adjustable linkage includes an offset arm extending outwardly from the mounting shaft and coupled to the calf support tray, and the mounting shaft, when received in the second receptacle, is rotatable about a central axis of the second receptacle.

46. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 45, wherein the offset arm is coupled to the calf support tray by a lockable joint.

47. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the first receptacle extends generally parallel to a longitudinal axis of the frame.

48. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the frame includes first and second longitudinally-extending channels which are spaced apart, and the first receptacle is positioned laterally inwardly of one of the first and second channels.

49. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 37, wherein ~~he~~ the second receptacle extends generally perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of the frame.

50. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the second receptacle is coupled to an outside surface of the deck.

51. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the mounting shaft has a gripping portion.